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16th CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION WEEK MARCH 7 to 14

Governor Warren's Conservation Week Proclamation for 1950 reads as follows:

"In this year of California's centennial of statehood, we are reminded that the tremendous growth and development of our State during its first 100 years is due in large part to the great abundance of its natural resources.

Today, with a population of nearly 11,000,000 people, the drain on these resources is greater than ever before. We have reached the point where California's future progress will be measured by how we conserve its forests, its agricultural and range lands, its water, its mineral and oil desposits, its beach and mountain recreational facilities, and its fish and game.

If we are to make certain that California continues as a pleasant and productive place in which to live and work, each of us must take a personal interest in the conservation of its resources. We must be particularly careful, in our enjoyment of the out-of-doors, to prevent the destruction of our forests through the scourge of fire. We must come to understand the interdependence of forest conservation, water conservation and soil conservation and the relation of all of these to full development of our recreation, and fish and game programs.

In the interest of focusing the attention of the public on the urgent need for increased conservation during the second century of our statehood, I, Earl Warren, Governor of California, do hereby proclaim the period of March 7 to 14, 1950, as CONSERVATION WEEK and I urge all the people of our State to become more aware of the extent to which our daily welfare depends upon natural resources.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the State of California to be affixed this 25th day of January, A.D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

EARL WARREN, Governor of California

Attest: FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State"

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

More than 100 field technicians representing at least twelve governmental and private agencies met at Davis during the last part of January for a three-day seminar on range improvement problems. Previous group conferences held periodically during the last five years to effect a coordinated attack on the complex and oft time controversial ecological study of brush conversion have in great part been limited to technical and policy problems at administrative levels. This was the first meeting of its kind where field men of all agencies had an opportunity to hear and discuss the action program of each agency and the many scientific and technical problems connected with such a far reaching program. The meeting proved of great value to all workers and should materially contribute to a better application of understandings and techniques in the field.



The first part of February saw the first annual Sierra Cascade Logging Conference convene in Chico with more than five hundred loggers, lumbermen, and foresters meeting to discuss forest problems of the Cascade and Sierra Regions. Lumbermen of the redwood region have met in similar conferences for many years but this conference was the first of its kind to be held by such a representative group in the Sierra Cascade Region. General theme of the three-day meeting was "How Can We Reduce Log Costs." The picture of the mixed pine logging industry was ably presented from the public viewpoint by Senator Ed Regan of Weaverville, from the State's viewpoint by State Forester DeWitt Nelson, the Federal viewpoint by Pat Thompson, Regional Forester, U. S. Forest Service; and from industry's viewpoint by Charles Gray of the Stockton Box Company.

The group participated in detailed discussion of the many forest problems during the remainder of the meeting which was climaxed by a large exhibit and demonstration by equipment and allied industries.

Last year over three and one-half million board feet of forest products and five thousand Christmas trees were removed from California State forests with a return to the State of \$19,590.00. Practically all of the forest products with the exception of the Christmas trees were harvested from the Mountain Home State Forest.

A re-appraisal of the Lake and Napa Insect Control Project indicated this month that twice as many infested trees will require control work as was originally anticipated. The cold weather has shown up a great many more infested trees in Lake County and more are being revealed each day. Field control work by the Division has been underway in this area since the early part of January and over one hundred sixty-one trees had been treated by the end of the month.

A summary of the activities of our six forest advisors for the calendar year 1949 indicates that four hundred eight forest products operators and forest land owners involving 50,038 acres were advised or given forest management assistance. Some 12,367,000 board feet of forest products were harvested under the advisory program bringing approximately \$95,717 gross return to the owners. There are over 12,000 farmers and small wood lot owners in California who control nearly 3,200,000 acres of timber land. From these figures it can be readily seen that our forest advisory work is barely scratching the surface of this advisory problem.

Completed this month by the Fire Control Section was the 1950 Clarke McNary Area and Cost Study. This study, the result of several months of effort, is required every five years by the Federal government. It is on the basis of this area and cost study that the Federal government allocates money to California for fire protection on lands within the State boundary that possess Federal interest.

All fire report have been received from the field and cooperating agencies and our annual compilation of fire statistics is now underway. It is our hope to have these statistics completed and ready for distribution by the first of March.

The Division of Communications has just released for purchase eighty mobile radio units. District VI will receive twenty-eight units and all others ten each. Two mobile units will be used to equip two trucks that will be used during the summer season on range improvement work. The radio equipment is manufactured by Link and is of the latest vintage in transmitting and receiving equipment. It appears rather definite that the Division of Communications will assume control of Division of Forestry radio technicians on or about May 1.



Thereafter this Division will pay service charges on work provided by these technicians.

The preliminary Range Improvement Summary Report for the year 1949 has been corrected and has now been prepared in final form. It will be distributed to interested organizations and individuals during February.

On January 30 the Division participated in a conference attended by approximately 100 representatives of State Departments for the purpose of organizing a State-wide accident prevention program. The accident history of each division will be summarized as well as information concerning the number of pieces of equipment in operation, total mileage equipment runs, and cost of repairs.

Construction work was in full swing throughout the State during the month of January. In District I the remodeling of the Ft. Bragg Office in Mendocino County is progressing rapidly, the Mendocino Woodland Camp equipment shed has been started and progress on the Healdsburg Station equipment building has progressed in spite of inclement weather. Weather has had a serious effect on the construction of the Parlin Ford C.D.C. Camp but some progress has been made. The metal building at Elk Camp in Humboldt County suffered severe damage from snow and will necessitate major repairs before it can be used further.

The total number of C.D.C. inmates at the temporary headquarters of District III at Higgins Corner Camp now total thirty. Until such time as these men will be used on camp construction work at a permanent site they are being utilized on bridge reconstruction projects in Placer County. The proposed Pilot Hill Lookout in El Dorado County has been approved along with the necessary roads and telephone lines. The State will erect and equip the lookout station at Pilot Hill. Because of increased hazards during the period of construction of Folsom Dam, the U. S. Army Engineers have agreed to absorb the cost of manning the lookout tower. This additional detection will be used to supplement present lookout coverage during the construction period. In Placer County the rebuilding of the North Fork Bridge was completed this month and construction was begun in the same county on the Middle Fork Bridge over the American River. Garage at Higgins Corner Station in Nevada County was completed and the office and Storeroom at this office were painted. C.Y.A. crews from Pine Grove Camp in Amador County worked during the month on clearance of right-of-way along the Mt. Zion-Sutter Hill telephone line. Work was also done in brush removal along the newly constructed West Point telephone line.

District IV personnel, in addition to winter construction work, have been working hard on preseason fire prevention programs. Abnormal heavy precipitation during the month of January did some damage to roads, buildings, landscaping in the District IV area. A newly acquired brick machine has been transported from Monterey County and is now being assembled at the Division's Friant Headquarters in Fresno County. The machine should be in operation within the next thirty days. It will be operated by C.Y.A. personnel permitting the manufacture of building blocks that will be used in Division construction saving the taxpayer a considerable sum of money.

Every effort was made in District V to speed construction of the Slack Canyon C.D.C. Camp in Monterey County. Work was also started on the Chalone Peak Lookout road in Monterey County with about two miles constructed and about three miles remaining. C.Y.A. crews in Santa Cruz were busily engaged in building the Little Basin Road, cutting and hauling fence posts, and general telephone line maintenance.



## HOW TO GAIN TWO DAYS IN A WEEK

This is adapted from an article by Earl Wilson, newspaper columnist:

	<u>Hours Saved</u>
Get up when the alarm goes off	1
Dress 10 minutes faster	1
Carefully plan your day's work	1
Cut long "lunch hours"	2
Avoid political, social and sports arguments	1
Stop reading inapplicable circulars and publications	1
Cut down telephone long-windedness	1
Get to office on time and work till quitting time	2
Cut out coffee-social-time	2
Dictate short letters instead of novelettes	2
Save your free advice; mind your own business	2
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A great man shows his greatness by the way he treats little men.

Many wise words are spoken in jest, but they don't compare with the millions of foolish ones spoken in earnest.

Administrative Digest  
January 18, 1950

## IMPROVED FIRE-FINDER DISCS

The Photo-Reproduction Unit at R. O. can now produce metal fire finder discs upon which the map is reproduced photographically for use with the Osborne fire finder.

The method produces a durable, non-fading, distortion-free map, which is photographed directly on the white painted surface of the disc. A coating of clear lacquer over the map provides a weather-proof seal and, also, a surface for making ink or pencil lines to "strikes." Such marks may be removed with soap and water without damage to the disc. This method produces an accurate and undistorted lookout map.

It is not new, having been used in Region 3 for some time. The first Forest in R-5 to equip its lookouts with this permanent map was the Angeles.

(Engineering-R.O.)  
Administrative Digest  
January 18, 1950

## A CALIFORNIA WATERSHED FILM

A California Watershed film will be produced this year by the State Department of Natural Resources in cooperation with the University of California. It is to be 18 minutes in length and directed at school grades 7-10. Water at the tap will be followed back in an attempt to find out where it originates. Then, from the forest watershed in the Sierra, the water journey will be retraced, showing a variety of uses en route to the sea. The San Francisco water system will be the central "character", but all watershed lands of California will be described, using maps.

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GEORGE CRAIG, FOREST ENGINEER FOR THE WESTERN PINE ASSOCIATION, REPORTS THE FOLLOWING: PROGRESS ON THE TREE FARM PROGRAM IN THE PINE REGION:

YEAR	TOTAL TREE FARMS AT YEAR'S END		NET INCREASE DURING YEAR	
	No.	Acreage	No.	Acres
1942	1	210,881	1	210,881
1943	2	278,881	1	68,000
1944	4	372,765	2	93,884
1945	21	403,212	17	30,447
1946	24	500,118	3	96,906
1947	24	500,118	-	-
1948	59	531,118	35	31,000
1949	94	647,255	35	116,137

Of the 35 new tree farms in California this year, 25, totalling 13,395 acres, were initially contacted through the help of the Division of Forestry personnel. As in 1948, field men of the division have been thoroughly cooperative. Their help in pushing this program is greatly appreciated.

Administrative District II led in the number and acreage of new tree farms. This might be expected because of its large timber area and the fact that Dale Prentice and I both contact parts of the district for the Association. The new tree farms (i.e. 1949) are listed below by counties:

<u>District I</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>District II</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Lake	2	480	Butte	9	864
Lake & Napa	1	3,500	Plumas	3	21,410
Total	3	3,980	Shasta	8	54,309
			Siskiyou	2	18,790
<u>District III</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Acres</u>	Trinity	1	600
Amador	3	9,072	Total	23	95,973
Eldorado	0	5,625*			
Nevada	1	150	<u>District IV</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Yuba	1	22	Madera	1	400
Total	5	14,869	Mariposa	1	120
			Tulare	1	160
Butte & Yuba	1	635	Total	3	680

\*Net addition to existing tree farms in county.

ABOUT THE DIVISION

HAPPENINGS IN DISTRICT II

At long last some news from District II.

To begin with, we are now settled in our new district office, almost that is, having moved in September. It is certainly a big improvement over the offices we have occupied in the past. We now have a little room to spread out in.

Up to the present time the grounds are quite bare, however, Technician Sischo is busy with landscaping plans.

There have been several changes in our headquarters personnel. L. T. Petersen, former Assistant Deputy was transferred to Sacramento to take charge of the C.D.C. program. Along with this transfer came a promotion to Deputy State



Forester. To take Pete's place we have Lewis Moran, former Ranger in Nevada County.

Neil Edmonds, formerly Associate Ranger in this office, is now a Project Supervisor in charge of the C.D.C. Camp at Magalia. Filling this position we have Howard L. Bromwell, formerly Associate Ranger in Butte County.

Two brand new employees to the Division are Earl Barnett and Gene Jordan. Earl is filling our Storekeeper position and Gene is our Senior Radio Telephone Technician.

This is all the news we have time for now. However, District II made a New Years resolution of sending in more news for the News Letter.

Beverly McMillan  
Intermediate Stenographer Clerk

Old Man Winter hit District II with a vengeance during the period of January 8th to 16th inclusive, with amounts of snow varying from 15 inches at Redding to 5 feet at Stirling City, falling over various portions of the district.

Highway 99 between Redding and Dunsmuir was closed and then opened again so frequently that the newspapers could not keep up with the most recent development and at least once the Sacramento Bee had statements that it was both open and closed in the same article. (See January 18, 1950, page 1). Up to January 18th only one-way traffic was allowed on long stretches up the Sacramento River Canyon.

Associate Ranger Harry McKeen's Stirling City headquarters was isolated for three days with no mail, telephone or radio communications. In the same area the Magalia C.D.C. Camp was just preparing to dig themselves out from the first storm when the second hit. They managed to keep the road open with the aid of a bulldozer, but put in a hurry up call for a dozen snow shovels to the District Warehouse so that they could dig themselves out. Altogether they had about 4 feet of that cold white stuff.

Camp Whitmore probably turned in the "Champeen Snow Bunny" performance in a valiant effort to rescue their camp's water supply. Their water comes over 4 miles via ditch line and with only two pairs of snowshoes available (one of them borrowed from Assistant Technician George Grogan) Project Supervisor Wally Hunt and his boys had to do their quota of foot slogging in order to free the ditch of snow and ice and restore the camp's water supply.

Rain fell at the lower elevations starting on the evening of January 16, cleaning the snow from some roads but making others resemble hog-wallows. We are all hoping that our quota of blustery winter weather will come in smaller doses in the future.

Dave Erb  
Associate Ranger

All we have heard here at the Whitmore C.Y.A. Forestry Camp this past two weeks is water, water, and no water.

Our water supply comes from a ditch which is about five miles long and the trek from Camp to the head of it to open it up is from 40 inches



maximum snow at Camp to 5 to 7 feet at the head of the ditch and it is no small job. First the ditch froze up and then the snow came and it has been rough trying to keep enough water coming for drinking and cooking purposes. (A little snow melting helps out). We finally borrowed a pair of bear paws from Technician Sischo and a pair of snow shoes from Technician Grogan and the trip was not too bad. At least we have a little more water.

We thought we had found a use for our tractor and square blade but it won't even push snow.

Our projects have been limited the past two weeks to snow shoveling. Our in-camp projects are frozen out. Logs and lumber are frozen to the extent we cannot run the mill or planes.

After the heavy rain of two days we still have over 2 feet of snow.

W. R. Hunt  
Project Supervisor

January, 1950, will be long remembered by residents of Siskiyou County as the month and year of the "Big Snow". After a long dry fall and early part of the winter in which the precipitation declined further and further below normal, winter weather struck with all its fury on the heels of dry, zero temperatures. On January 7th a moderate snow storm struck the Pacific Northwest as far south as Northern California and partially tied up traffic and communications. Hardly had this first storm abated when the second storm struck on the 9th, adding further depth to the snow and further snarling communications. On the 13th the third storm struck bringing winds of fifty to sixty mile gales, and piling snow drifts twenty-five feet deep.

The blizzard of the 13th caught school children in the schools, and although the attempt was made to return them to their homes at noon, a number of school buses were forced to turn back, some being abandoned on the road. Tourists and travelers were caught in the blizzard and forced to seek shelter in farm houses along the roads and highways.

At Hilt an elderly man walking from the general store to his home was unable to complete the distance and froze to death fifty feet from his home.

Telephone communication lines, while holding up well under the storm, were put to a severe test to handle the numerous emergency calls throughout the county. Needless to say, all State highway, County road, logging and State Forestry equipment was manned, and although a gigantic attempt was made to keep main roads open, the attempt was feeble in comparison to the fury of the storm. Snow plows were caught in the heavy drifts and were unable to return to their stations. All secondary roads, as well as the highway, were soon closed to all traffic. Men of the Division of Highways, County Road Department, and State Division of Forestry, worked day and night, and as soon as the storm began to abate the efforts of these men began to tell. State highways and County primary and secondary roads were opened as fast as equipment could push the heavy drifts aside, which had at this time reached the depth of 42" on the level in the vicinity of Yreka. However, the efforts of these men were again foiled on the 16th when another storm broke and again tied up traffic, communications, etc. Schools were closed down and remained closed until the 19th. At the present time we are opening the last of the secondary roads to two way traffic, with predictions of a new storm 800 miles off the coast, which will probably hit this area within another 36 hours.

Most residents of the county are happy to see the deep snow pack despite the inconvenience involved, and are looking forward to a replenishing



of the water supply during the summer of 1950.

LeRoy Neil  
State Forest Ranger

#### NEWS FROM NORTH BUTTE UNIT

As we get ready to dispatch the old year out and make way for the new, some of the highlights come to mind again briefly.

1949 was kind to us. The type of fire control personnel seemed, including cooks, improved so greatly that it gave the Division of Forestry the new look for '49. Then the weather treated us no worse, although not any better either, than in '47 or '48 with the exception of a few lightning fires we did not experience in the two previous years.

Our prevention effort paid off nicely as less than one-third of the total of 27 fires could have been readily prevented.

Better trained and higher caliber crews kept the burned acreage to about 25 acres.

This created time to obtain a great deal of road, bridge and telephone repair and maintenance from standby crews. In addition, about 1100 man-hours were contributed to help launch the C.D.C. program in District II. Cone collection yielded about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  tons of Ponderosa cones and about 800 pounds of red and white fir cones. Constant prevention patrol throughout the summer and until the end of deer season allowed a very small number of fires from hunters or recreationists.

A temporary camp was constructed at Forest Ranch on the newly acquired site and water development started.

Construction is now under way on a postwar road project in the Mud Creek area. In this connection, Assistant Ranger Nixon, in charge of the construction, has developed a new technique in using M I as an explosive in construction work. Specially manufactured 3" bits for the air hammer make it possible to use M I the same as dynamite and some granite and lava construction that temporarily halted the job were easily handled by multiple charges in this manner. Always looking for a way to avoid hard manual labor if there is a chance to use the head instead, this road construction crew also uses water under good pressure from a pumper to hydraulic a hole under large stumps so that M I could be used effectively in blasting stumps. They report that holes can be put in readily in a few minutes and that the compaction of mud at the sides and bottoms of the holes effectively directs the blast with good results. It is expected that rain and snow will soon halt this job for the winter but it is about one-half completed and completion is expected by early summer.

Forest Practice in this area has looked up since last year and it is felt that in the not too distant future that most all operations will be in compliance 100%. Better than that, we now have active 14 certified Western Pine Tree Farms in the Unit and the movement is gathering momentum as at this time there is some talk of an association of tree farmers and possibility of creating a forest products production cooperation made up of tree farmers within one area.

Yes, 1949 has been kind to us, and it is hoped that 1950 will treat us no worse.

H. G. McKeen, Associate Ranger



### NEW ARRIVAL IN NEVADA COUNTY

"Born: Marjorie Ann Hayes, Friday, January 13th, at 6 p.m. in total blackout due to heavy snow. Mother and daughter fine. Pop, Associate Ranger A.J. Hayes, needs a new hat."

J.W. Tomblin, Asst. Deputy

### NEVADA COUNTY NEWS

Nevada County has certainly had its share of snow and rain this winter. The storm over the week end of January 13th brought four feet of snow followed by  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches of rain the next day. If you don't think we had a sloppy mess around here, then you should have seen us try to dig our schedule A fire truck out of the "slush" after the rain softened the snow and the truck sank down until all four wheels were on the road and the snow four feet deep around it; it was like dropping a lead ball in a bucket of feathers. It went right out the bottom.

The citizens of Nevada County have had organized for about two years now an organization called the Conservation Council. Since its formation it has undertaken to solve many of the conservation problems confronting the local people. They have worked on and are materially aiding in solving such problems as roadside dumping, overpopulation of deer as it reflects on the damage done to orchardists and grazers; they have organized a course of Forestry now carried on in the local High School and this class is carrying on with the cooperation of the C.D.F.; a very interesting experimental Forestry plot at the local fair grounds. This course incidentally is classed as a regular science course and all graduates of the course receive college preparatory credit for it.

This Council had its annual meeting on January 26 at which the State Forester was guest speaker. The enthusiasm shown by the group was remarkable and this group should go a long way in furthering conservation measures in Nevada County.

D. E. Knowlton  
State Forest Ranger

### AMADOR COUNTY NEWS

Amador County personnel are busy for the most part with construction and general maintenance of equipment in preparation for the coming fire season.

The materials for the Ranger's Residence are for the most part on the ground and building is well under way. An effort is being made to preserve as much of the native "Greenstone" rock as possible and work it into the general scheme of landscaping, also the native live oak and blue oak. Anyone who has seen our site will appreciate the fact that we have a lot of material to work with, both of the rock and the trees. The natives, however, are appreciative of our effort to use the native material, especially the rock as "Greenstone" is a symbol of the Mother Lode. If we had this pile of rocks in Hollywood, we could do quite a landslide business.

Work has started on relocation and rebuilding the Mt. Zion-Sutter Hill telephone line which will eventually carry a phantom circuit operating the radio repeater on Mt. Zion by remote control. Considerable brushing is being done in



connection with this phone line. Numerous right-of-ways were also secured.

We were able to do some roadside clearing with C.Y.A. crews between rain and snow storms. Our initial contacts are also being made in the 1950 Range Improvement Program with particular attention being paid to experiences of ranchers and stockmen in burning in the past.

G. O. Phibbs  
State Forest Ranger

#### FRESNO COUNTY

The hills around Fresno County are beginning to take on that green look and if the moisture content of the soil is any indication we might have a little grass. However, a couple of good warm winds could change this picture considerably. Anyhow we are hoping, for the sake of the stockmen, that they will have plenty of feed for a change. With good feed, fat stock, maybe we could afford a steak once in a while.

The winter projects in Fresno County are progressing at a rapid rate. At the Hurley Station the casing of the well has been completed. Ten three foot sections of 42" concrete pipe and one 36" section were lowered into position under the able direction of Associate Ranger Higgins. This will insure an adequate source of spring water when the new pressure system is installed. A pump house is planned for the summer project. At Blasingame the two stall addition to the garage is nearing completion. At our headquarters at Sanger the warehouse is now completed, the grape vines have been pruned and the lay out is completed for the office building. A new brick making machine has been received and installed at the Fort Millerton Station to make the 4" x 8" x 12" pumice brick to be used in the construction of the office and residences at the new county headquarters. The brick maker, our versatile foreman Harry Wilcock and a C.Y.A. crew.

In the West side District our friend Assistant Ranger Denney is mighty proud of his recent acquisition of a new \$18,000 fire truck and a new \$50,000 fire station on Jayne Avenue five miles east of Coalinga, to keep it in. Its quite a show place and you should drop around and see it if you are in the vicinity.

Many favorable comments have been received on the six four by eight foot signs posted on important county roads. A redwood routed sign was completed and installed at the Fort Millerton Station last summer and five more are nearly ready for installation at Blasingame, Hurley, Piedra, Squaw Valley and Sand Creek Stations. These signs are approximately 48" x 32" x 2" thick redwood. We have been told that the redwood for the signs was taken from a sequoia which had lain on the ground at Mountain Home for over a hundred years. Foreman Wilcock is our sign maker and his fame has spread even into District II at Redding for which he has completed a special order sign from the same Mountain Home Sequoia Redwood with routed letters. For all to see, as they pass by, we have erected a "Future Home" sign at the new headquarters site at Sanger.

Fresno County welcomes James Hess, who has given up pounding a special police beat in Los Angeles to join our dispatcher staff. Hess reported for work on January 27th. Luck to you Jim.

Wedding bells are in the offing for our dimpled cheeked foreman Bart Hodges, who, as he says, will be joined in wedlock to Miss Nancy Ferriea in June. Congratulations to both you nice people.

H. P. Tucker, Dispatcher



## KINGS COUNTY

January has been an unusually busy month for personnel in this county. The Assistant Ranger has been on the go helping fireman at Avenal, Murray and Burris Park with construction and additions to buildings, also, attends farm bureau meeting at least twice each week.

The Ranger, has turned nursery-man, landscaping at various stations, planting shade trees and ornamental shrubs. We have had some rain the past month, believe it or not the west side of the valley is turning a light green.

The Dispatcher, has been in a dither wrestling with the Annual Report. Training is receiving considerable attention, we hope to complete a course on structural firefighting and care of equipment. We have approximately 75 volunteers in this county who are very active.

C. E. Lindley  
Associate State Forest Ranger

## GOAT TROUBLE

Assistant Ranger Jack B. Cullumber of Coarsegold District, Madera County, finds himself faced with a problem involving his P & E inventory, to wit: the goat herd on the Division's experimental plot near Rancheria. When Jack was assigned to the District he accepted a herd of 18 healthy goats whose primary objective in life (as Jack thought) was to eliminate the brush on the 20 acre plot. But it seems that these goats are keeping abreast of their work and have time to dabble in mathematics, for upon a recent check Cullumber was quite concerned to find that he now has 27 goats to place some where on his inventory. Don't worry, Jack, we'll send you a little "rabbit" calculator that will solve and explain all.

Arthur Moberg  
State Forest Ranger

## DISTRICT VI NEWS

District VI was honored during the week of February 24 to 27 with a visit from the Deputies on the new Fire Plan study. We feel that everyone concerned recognized the conditions that exist here and was sincerely trying to help us solve our many problems, for which we are indeed grateful. By such understanding, which was very much in evidence, we can look forward to the highest degree of teamwork and efficiency throughout the Division.

James K. Mace  
Deputy StateForester

On January 11, 1950, the Los Angeles Times carried an article and photograph on the rescue of 32 passengers in a Los Angeles bound bus through the initiative and resourcefulness of David O. Edwards, Truck Driver at the Oak Glenn C.D.C. Camp in District VI.

When returning from Davis in a firetruck, Edwards noticed flames around the rear wheels of the inter-city bus. He gave chase to the bus, warned the driver of the danger, and assisted in safely removing all passengers from the burning bus. The bus was completely demolished. Congratulations on your quick thinking, Mr. Edwards!



The following letter of commendation has been received from Pacific Greyhound Lines of San Francisco:

"On January 10, 1950, one of our buses caught fire and burned near Sylmar, California.

"Our driver has informed us that Mr. David Edwards, of your service, first observed the fire and signaled our driver with his lights. Although the fire resulted in a total loss to our bus our driver further reports that Mr. Edwards stopped and gave all possible aid in an effort to extinguish the fire.

"We are very appreciative of Mr. Edwards' assistance and wish to commend him for his efforts.

sd/ Robert E. Gocke  
Director of Safety & Claims"

#### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

With practically all of the Foremen back on the job after vacations, winter work projects are going forward at top speed. The temporary metal prefabricated building at the Temecula Station site has been completed, personnel have moved in, and the station is now being used for Schedule "A" fire protection for the winter season.

The addition to the barracks at the San Jacinto Fire Control Station is virtually complete with only a few finishing touches remaining to be accomplished.

Three men are working at the new Anza Station site, preparing it for the new prefabricated barracks building which will be constructed there. Actual construction will start within two weeks.

Loren A. Baldwin, Dispatcher

#### RAINBOW CDC CAMP

January saw a slight change in personnel at the Rainbow CDC Camp. We lost Foreman Parks to the Oak Glen CDC Camp. To take his place we welcome Eddie Hannum. Eddie is an ol' hand with pushing crews, so he shouldn't have any trouble. Parks left it in fine shape.

Nothing extraordinary ever happens here. The crews are working on the truck trails of Northern San Diego County. The painting program for the entire camp inside and out has been started. Materials and supplies for the construction of the recreation courts have been received.

A 50 foot line was cut and burned to protect our telephone line out to the "free world."

C. A. Brown  
Project Supervisor